

Council scoops major award for upskilling building control staff

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An innovative on-the-job training programme to upskill building control officers to a national qualification has won a top award for Auckland Council at the 2016 Society of Local Government Managers New Zealand (SOLGM) excellence awards.

The programme, which has been shared with other councils, helps officers gain new levels of technical ability. It won the award category for Innovation in Organisation and People Development.

Auckland Council led the way in developing training to help staff meet the qualification, required for all building control officers. It sets minimum standards for work on building consent applications, compliance inspections and notices to fix.

More than 20 councils have adopted the training programme which minimises the impact on day-to-day workload commitments.

Rose McLaughlan, Manager, Policy at Building Control, received the award at a Wellington awards ceremony.



Rose McLaughlan (right) Manager Policy, Building Control, and Doireann Cooney, Building Control training adviser.